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HEADLINES:-

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- Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt. General retired KT Parnaik and Chief Minister Pema Khandu pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his 156th birth anniversary at Gandhi Udyan in Itanagar.
- The five-day-long Durga Puja festival celebrated with grandeur across Tripura and other northeastern states.
- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio expresses gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for releasing 1,01,603 crore rupees as an advance instalment of tax devolution to state governments.
- Dibang Valley district administration conducts an interactive session with 23 trainee officers from Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration in Anini in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Nation First @75 Campaign launched in Manipur on the 17th of last month successfully concluded at the City Convention Centre in Imphal.

HOMAGE:

The Nation paid homage to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his 156th birth anniversary yesterday. A series of functions were organized across the country. Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and other dignitaries attended the Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha at Gandhi Smriti in the evening. They also offered floral tributes to the Father of the Nation. Bhajan maestro Anup Jalota, and several school children recited bhajans on the occasion. The Day was also observed as International Day of Non Violence.

GANDHI JAYANTI:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General retired KT Parnaik and Chief Minister Pema Khandu paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his 156th birth anniversary at Gandhi Udyan in Itanagar. They also participated in Swachh Bharat Diwas celebration at Golden Jubilee Banquet Hall in Niti Vihar yesterday. The Governor felicitated 'Swachhata Hi Sewa 2025' awardees in various categories for their outstanding work in cleanliness and sanitation. The Governor said, their achievements are shining examples of how individuals can transform society when they take responsibility.

OBSERVANCE:

In observance of Gandhi Jayanti, the Government of Meghalaya held a solemn ceremony at the Rilang Building (Main Secretariat) in Shillong, where senior officials, staff, and others gathered to pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, marking the 156th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation. The programme was led by Dr. Shakil P. Ahammed, Chief Secretary

to the Government of Meghalaya, who laid a wreath at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi as a mark of respect and remembrance. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shakil P. Ahammed, Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya highlighted the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's ideals in today's world, particularly his emphasis on truth, simplicity, and unity. He also urged the officials to uphold the values for which Mahatma Gandhi lived and sacrificed, and encouraged all to embody those principles in both public service and personal conduct.

FESTIVAL:

The five-day-long Durga Puja festival, celebrated with grandeur across Tripura and other northeastern states, concluded on Thursday with the beginning of idol immersion on Vijaya Dashami. The Chief Minister and political leaders joined devotees in visiting pandals and participating in rituals, while authorities ensured tight security and peaceful conduct of the festivities. According to Tripura Police, immersion of only 18 per cent of the state's nearly 3,000 idols took place on Thursday, as devotees bid an emotional farewell to Goddess Durga and her children. The remaining immersions are expected to get over the next two to three days. In keeping with tradition, married women observed 'Sindoor Khela' by applying vermilion to the goddess and each other, offering sweets and betel leaves as part of their farewell rituals. In Guwahati, colourful immersion processions paraded through the city before idols were taken to the Brahmaputra and other rivers. Similar scenes were reported in parts of Assam, Tripura, and other states.

TAX:

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Finance Minister for releasing 1,01,603 crore rupees as an advance instalment of tax devolution to state governments. In a post on social media platform X, Mr. Rio stated that this timely support will significantly aid development, welfare, and capital expenditure in Nagaland and across the nation. Under this additional tax devolution, the government has allocated 578 crore rupees to Nagaland.

HYGIENE:

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio emphasized the state's commitment to equitable healthcare and hygiene awareness through targeted and community - driven strategies. Speaking during the launch of Banega Swasth India Season 12, an initiative by a national news channel, Mr Rio underscored the importance of citizen participation in promoting cleanliness, echoing Mahatma Gandhi's vision and aligning with the objectives of the Swachh Bharat Mission. The Chief Minister highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for a clean and hygienic India at the launch of the Swachh Bharat Mission, reiterating the role of individual and collective efforts. Mr Rio outlined Nagaland's approach, which includes village-specific Information, Education and Communication (IEC) plans, cost-effective waste management, and hygiene campaigns conducted through schools, Anganwadi centres, and youth groups.

SUMMIT:

Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, affirmed that the state's pride in its rich heritage of faith, is deeply rooted in homes, communities, and institutions. Speaking at the India Mission Summit 2025 yesterday at Dimapur Ao Baptist Arogo, he emphasized the vital role of churches in

shaping societal values and identity. Rio acknowledged the Naga people's journey of struggle and sacrifice, sustained by prayer, fellowship, and unity. Despite social challenges and incidents targeting places of worship, Rio praised the Church's ongoing role in education, healthcare, and promoting peace. Calling the India Mission Summit a meaningful opportunity for prayer, reflection, and shared purpose, the Chief Minister emphasized that it is a time for all to listen, learn from one another, and renewed commitment to spreading the Gospel's message of hope and reconciliation.

DIVAS:

In Manipur, Swachh Bharat Diwas or National Cleanliness Day was observed at Gandhi Memorial Hall in Imphal yesterday. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla led the gathering in offering floral tributes to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi. Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly- Th. Satyabrata, former Chief Minister- N. Biren Singh, MLAs, Chief Secretary, DGP, senior civil and police officials, general public also paid their respects to the Father of the Nation during the observation. While addressing the gathering, Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar reflected on Mahatma Gandhi's enduring message of truth, non-violence and self-reliance saying that these values remain as relevant today as they were during the freedom struggle. The Governor also spoke about the success of the Swachh Bharat Mission in India adding that Manipur has made significant progress with local bodies improving sanitation and waste management.

SESSION:

The Dibang Valley district administration yesterday conducted an interactive session with 23 trainee officers from Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall in Anini in Arunachal Pradesh. The session was part of 'Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2025' and aimed to provide the trainee officers with insights into the challenges of civil service in the district. The visiting trainee officers, as part of their Himalayan Study Tour, have gained invaluable first-hand experience and exposure to the administrative challenges prevailing in India's remote yet strategically critical regions.

CAMPAIGN:

The Nation First @75 Campaign launched in Manipur on the 17th of last month successfully concluded yesterday with a grand program held at the City Convention Centre in Imphal and Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla felicitated Urban Local Bodies in Manipur for their performance under the Swachh Survekshan during the program. The 15-day long Nation First @75 Campaign was conducted around the vision of the Prime Minister for a Vikshit Bharat @2045 with events on themes such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Nari Shakti, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India, Fit India Movement, Aspirational Districts and Make in India.

INAUGURATION:

The Deputy Commissioner East Siang Sonalika Jiwani yesterday inaugurated a craft paper bag machine at Ruksin village in Arunachal Pradesh. The machine was donated to SHG group Leko Lekon Lai of Ruksin village by MLA Ninong Ering on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Ering said, the SHG is doing a lot of good work for the society and is an exemplary of Viksit Bharat & Atma Nirbhar. Meanwhile, the SHG expressed their gratitude to MLA, and said they will work hard to further progress and inspire other groups.